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1. Bulgaria's only naval base is the port of Varna where all warships are located.
2. The largest warship in the Bulgarian Navy is the destroyer GEORGI DIMITROV which displaces 3,000 tons and carries a crew of approximately 450 officers and men. The ship is armed with eight guns of approximately 115 mm., four heavy anti-aircraft machine guns, and approximately 10 machines for launching under-water mines (sic).
3. Other vessels in the Bulgarian Navy include:
  - a. Two minesweepers, T-72 and T-73, each armed with two cannons and two anti-aircraft machine guns; the minesweepers carry a crew of approximately 120 men and officers;
  - b. Eight subchasers called PEKA; these subchasers are armed with two cannons and several machine guns each; they carry a crew of approximately 120 men and officers;
  - c. Three ships known as LUIRISEN, which are armed with four antiaircraft machine guns each;
  - d. Approximately 15 "motorboats" armed with one small gun and two machine guns each, and carrying a crew of approximately 15 persons; these motorboats are known as ODNE; and
  - e. Approximately 10 minelayers, each with a crew of 10.

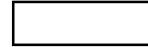
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4. The majority of the above-mentioned naval units were consigned to Bulgaria by the USSR on 27 October 1951, the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution. These vessels are believed to have been German originally and were obtained by the USSR as reparations after World War II. On the larger ships, approximately 30 percent of the crew is made up of Soviet specialists who instruct the Bulgarian sailors.
5. A Soviet submarine base is located on San Ivan Island near Sozopol which has been declared an off-limits zone even for Bulgarian ships.



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